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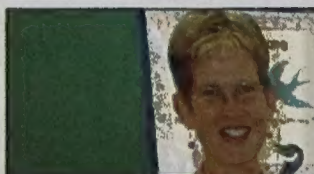
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Canadian Tire buying land in Minden

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The rumours are spreading through town like wildfire and, while this isn't the first time Canadian Tire has been whispered to be on its way to town, this time they have been buying land.

Approximately 10 years ago, a lot of people including The Times were left with egg on their face when Canadian Tire did not move into Minden on Highway 35 as everyone had predicted.

This time around, while no one is spilling the beans on deals that

may be going down around town, several sources have confirmed that the chain has bought five houses along Water Street – properties that abut a parcel of commercial land over six acres in size.

Canadian Tire would not con-

firm any purchases of land in Minden, nor any plans for development at this time.

"As part of our strategic plan, we're always looking for opportunities for expansion so we are always looking at real estate

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I solemnly swear

Jessica Hannah shows her allegiance to the Minden Sparks Thursday, saluting leader Michelle Wolfe after receiving her enrolment pin. Nine girls were made official Sparks at the ceremony. For more photos, turn to page 5.

Making sense of dollars and cents

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Tax dollars and how they're spent are quickly becoming a major issue in the upcoming municipal election and, while many ratepayers are asking questions about the money trail, do they really understand budgets?

Firstly, municipal budgets do one thing; they determine the taxes to be collected from ratepayers based on the financial needs of the municipality and the market value assessments of properties in their township to be taxed. When revenues (other than

property taxes) are subtracted from the expenses of a municipality, what's left is called the tax levy, a sum of money that must be collected from taxpayers. Dividing the levy by the number of ratepayers (and incorporating the assessment values into the equation) results in a municipal tax rate.

But the municipal tax rate is only one of three components that make up the tax bill that each property owner receives. The county tax rate and the board of education's tax rate are also factored into the equation.

An increase in assessment, as

determined by the provincial government through MPAC, plays the most significant role in raising or lowering any given property's taxes because the tax rate is applied to the assessed value of a property. In some cases, especially in Haliburton County where assessment increases averaged 35 per cent, even if the tax rate decreases, some ratepayers will still be paying more taxes than the year before if the assessment increase percentage was greater than the tax rate decrease percentage.

Come budget time, usually

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Reeve hopefuls duke it out in Dorset

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

After every question that put Gerry Morrison on the spot over a potential conflict of interest if he became reeve of Algonquin Highlands, it seemed that the woman currently holding the position was asked a question that put her, too, on the defensive at the recent all-candidates' meeting in Dorset.

The two most contentious issues were taxes and the municipality's response to the August 2 tornado cleanup.

The tone was set in the candidates' opening remarks to a crowd of about 60 people at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who has been reeve of Algonquin Highlands for six years and a Stanhope politician for 12 before that, outlined the successes of council.

"Is it time for a change," she asked, obliquely referring to Morrison's campaign entreaty to "Vote for change, vote for Gerry."

"Do you fire the president of a corporation when a corporation is doing well?"

Council has hammered out a new official plan, developed the Water Trails camping route

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Taxes, storm clean-up topics of debate

Harrison says council did good job, Morrison says they could have done better

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through the Frost Centre's forests, been the only municipality to undertake a complete septic system re-inspection program, and implemented a five-year plan for roads. It is currently working on an emergency plan and a five-year plan for landings and docks.

Having introduced mandatory recycling, Algonquin Highlands boasts the highest diversion rate in the county, 54 per cent. There is a new museum in Dorset and council has lent its support to three lake plans and two books on lake history.

"I am committed to continuing this open relationship between council and ratepayers", she said, "as well as keeping the tax rate stable."

Morrison began by outlining his history. He's married with two sons and one grandchild. He's the third youngest of a close-knit family of 16 children; there were enough boys to have their own hockey team. He has 27 years of municipal experience including roles as treasurer, clerk and CAO for other municipalities. "I have been in the trenches," he said. One of his biggest accomplishments was getting the highest dollar value in grants for his former employer during the amalgamation process.

Quoting numbers he said he got from Algonquin Highlands' audited statements, he said that between 2002 and 2005 "this council has taken over \$644,000 in additional taxes, 8.4 per cent while the inflation rate is 2.5 per cent. That is unacceptable. I will pare the budget. I will not borrow money. I will build reserves." He'd provide better communications, review council remuneration and offer every ratepayer a voucher for 550 pounds of waste at the dump for spring or fall cleanup.

The first ratepayer to ask a question directed it to Morrison. She asked how he'd pare down the municipal budget when the taxes have stayed at the same level. "What do you have in mind?"

"It is my opinion," Morrison responded, "that [this council] should not have gone to ratepayers for the same levy as in 2005. By doing so, every single ratepayer is affected. What we did [at Minden Hills where he is CAO], what I did, what the group of department heads did, is we said we've got to do more than that to reduce the levy."

As a result, he said, people with up to a 40 per cent increase in assessment had no increase in municipal taxes. "We were able to find a couple of hundred thousand dollars. I don't know why this council couldn't do that?"

That was basically the question put to Harrison from a ratepayer on Kawagama Lake a short time later. He said that at a meeting of 15 property owners there were tax dollar increases of 75 per cent. He noted the "hostility and anger" towards council at that meeting. "They want to know where the money is going." He went to the municipality's website but couldn't find updated information.

Harrison responded by saying she wasn't sure why the website's information wasn't updated and would look into it. She said that in 2006 council came up with the same net budget despite increases in costs. The tax rate – the rate by which assessment is multiplied to come up with taxes owed – was lowered by 27 per cent. She said that in 2001 for every assessment value of \$100,000 a ratepayer was charged \$345. In 2006 a ratepayer must pay \$258 per \$100,000 of assessment.

"I feel sorry for cottagers," she said. "I have a cottage and a home and I can sympathize. We have no control over assessment."

She could also sympathize with ratepayers who had to pay a lot of money to get downed trees removed from their property after the tornadoes. One man said he spent \$600 to remove the trees while later in the evening another woman put the figure at \$5,000 and higher.

"If I don't carry through with these issues then I will not run a second term."

Gerry Morrison
candidate for reeve

Harrison said the municipality opened two brush dumps and did not charge tipping fees to either private property owners or contractors who were hired to dispose of the brush. Unlike Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands did not pick up brush. So many roads were so badly hit, "there's no possibility we could have gone in and cleaned up brush." The municipality has asked the province to declare the municipality a disaster area so provincial funding can be made available to help cover costs. (Later she noted that the province would not pay for costs incurred by seasonal property owners. Council as a result was apprehensive about pitting year-round residents and cottagers against one another should funding become available.)

"I had 23 trees go down on one acre of property," Harrison said of damage at her home in Stanhope. The municipality did remove trees from St. Peter's Anglican Church because of its historical importance and is now reviewing what to do with danger trees.

"There just isn't the money to clean up all properties that need to be," she said.

When someone mentioned that Minden Hills offered free roadside brush pick-up, Morrison said that he thinks Algonquin Highlands should have done more to help those people hardest hit. The pick-up service was a "small token" from Minden Hills. "We have a reserve for emergencies," Morrison said. "I'm not sure if Algonquin Highlands does. Even a token of a couple of hundred dollars [per affected ratepayer] is not going to rob the bank. Maybe people moaning and groaning didn't have damage. I still have brush in my yard."

Later, a resident on the hard-hit Church Road asked what council would do to advocate for financial assistance. Harrison said they were hopeful that the province will agree to the emergency funding and "I would certainly advocate in any way I can." She noted her clean-up bill has exceeded \$5,000 but she's grateful that no one was hurt in the storm.

Morrison said that he had heard that council didn't want to apply for other forms of assistance because it was too much work. "I'd be hammering on the table [to ask for more money.]"

Then someone asked how much money the storm cost each municipality. Minden Hills' total cost was \$55,000 but at the end of summer Algonquin Highlands' was more than \$100,000.

Harrison was also criticized for her comment that the ratepayers on North Shore Road were satisfied with council's handling of the Maple Lake landfill issue. (At one point council was considering building the septage facility there. That plan has since been abandoned because of unfavourable consultants' reports.)

Harrison said that she's talked with road residents who said they were satisfied with the way the process was conducted. She also countered a statement by Ward 2 candidate Ross Daniels that the Maple Lake landfill would become a "mega dump". The only landfill currently in trouble is Dorset's and there's a possibility that waste from Dorset will be trucked to "a small cell" at Maple Lake. She wants the county to take over waste management.

Towards the end of the meeting, Morrison was asked about his list of promises on his brochure and whether he was prepared to stand by them "and put your job on the line" if not fulfilled.

"What I've promised," Morrison said, "I don't think there's a problem in holding to anything in my brochure." He said he could and would pare the budget, provide direct notification to ratepayers on major issues and not "a little blurb in the paper or on a website" that's not updated.

"If council will not do it, I will do it alone," he said.

The same ratepayer repeated his question. Morrison said, "I certainly will and would resign if I do not fulfill [the promises.]" He then added that he'll be retiring in three years, one year before the end of the term.

"If this job deserves me to be there [after the first term], which I do not believe it does, I will be there."

After the meeting the Times asked Morrison to clarify what he meant by this comment. "I said I'd fulfill these promises and if I do not you won't see my name on the ballot in four years' time. If I don't carry through with these issues then I will not run a second term."

There was one last chance for feistiness when the candidates gave their summation speeches.

The candidates have all said how they will govern, Morrison said. "I can tell you one thing I will not do. I will not give myself a 29.4 per cent increase in remuneration right after being acclaimed."

Harrison, who was next, said that since her salary was always being discussed she wanted it known that her salary as reeve was \$21,000. "I'm working 30 hours a week for that salary."

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An eight-year-old Grade 3 Archie Stouffer student was struck by a car on Monday afternoon while crossing Bobcaygeon Road at Parkside Street. The school's parent council has been asking for a crosswalk at the intersection for five years, but they say

council hasn't been supportive of the idea. A crosswalk would cost approximately \$6,000 with a crossing guard. The issue was raised prophetically at Friday's all-candidates' meeting.

Looking both ways for a crosswalk

Photo and story by Bryn Weese

With the upcoming municipal election and a traffic accident that saw a Grade 3 student taken to hospital, the issue of a crosswalk on Bobcaygeon Road at Parkside Street is once again fresh in the minds of parents in Minden.

The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Parent council began lobbying Minden Hills council for the crosswalk nearly five years ago. In April of 2005, the parent organization appeared before council again to ask for a safe crossing across Minden's busiest street but to no avail.

On Monday afternoon, as ASES students left for the day, an eight-year-old girl in Grade 3 was struck on Bobcaygeon Road at Parkside Street by a Dodge Neon sedan. The young girl was taken to the Minden Hospital by ambulance and was later released. She is said to be doing well.

But parent council members and past members are outraged that this was allowed to happen, considering they have warned council about this for years.

"It's silly because, as we've pointed out, there are tons and tons of kids that go to curling, figure skating and hockey so there are a massive amount of kids there [at Parkside and Bobcaygeon]," says Tracy Pratt, the past chair of the ASES parent council. "They've told us they don't have the money and we don't have enough traffic to warrant a crosswalk. I'm pretty sure the parents of the kid that was hit today might be a little upset with that."

During the committee of the whole meeting back in 2005, current councillor Clayton Cameron cautioned that a crosswalk might give children a false sense of

security. He reiterated that concern at the Minden Hills all-candidates' meeting this past Friday. Also, in 2005, councillor Peter Oyler said that while he supported the idea in principle, he wanted more information about costs and use of a crosswalk before council could act.

Kevin Hill, the roads superintendent, was directed to hold further talks with the parent council and to clarify whose responsibility it was to provide a crosswalk. During the meeting, according to the township's minutes, he did tell council that the cost of a crosswalk was prohibitive.

But according to Pratt, Hill didn't hold more talks with the parents. He simply told them that they would not be getting a crosswalk because there was not enough traffic, neither vehicular nor pedestrian, to

warrant such an expense. Estimates peg the cost of a lit crosswalk and crossing guard between \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Despite the cost and despite the lack of traffic, current members of the parent council are not satisfied.

"It only takes one car and one child," says parent council member Lisa Stephenson who asked about the crosswalk at the recent all-candidates' meeting. "[Minden Hills council] is more concerned about waste management, seniors and taxes than our children... Even though we're smaller, I think that we should still

have the same safety for our kids as larger towns."

At the all-candidates' meeting held this past Friday in Archie Stouffer's gym, a passionate Stephenson asked all the candidates what they thought about the crosswalk idea. In addition to Cameron's comments, Peter Oyler asked whose responsibility a safe crossing was, but said that, regardless, a crosswalk without a crossing guard wouldn't work, that you needed both to be effective.

Jim McMahon said that regardless of whose responsibility it was, it was time for all of the relevant stakeholders to come together.

Following Monday's accident on Bobcaygeon, McMahon said, "Not just because a child got hit, but even after Friday night's debate,

I thought it's probably time to sit down with the players: the parent council, the school board, the principal and vice-principal and ourselves."

"But just to put a crosswalk there, I certainly wouldn't be in favour of it," he added. "It gives people a false sense of security. It's got to be guarded. If you put a crosswalk in, you've got to guard it... Maybe we could man it with volunteer parents or teachers, there are all kinds of ways to do it [have a crossing guard] inexpensively."

At the all-candidates' meeting on

"I know it can be quite expensive, but something needs to be done."

Kim Wood, parent council chair

Friday, Lisa Schell said that, having two kids enrolled at Archie Stouffer, she would support the idea and wondered why the current council hadn't found out who is responsible for a crosswalk, either the township or the board of education, even though they had been asked more than a year ago by the parent council.

Ironically, during the month of October, the local health unit is encouraging children to walk to and from school to raise activity levels, but there is no safe crossing for them across Bobcaygeon.

"There is no safe way to cross the road in town, whether it be uptown or by the school, and it just seems to be getting busier along Bobcaygeon in front of the school," says Kim Wood, the current chair of the parent council. "It's unfortunate that the accident happened on Monday but, hopefully it creates more awareness that this is an issue in our community."

"Since more kids are using other facilities in the community, like the library, the gallery, and the community centre, there is an issue of them crossing the road there [at Bobcaygeon and Parkside]," she adds.

The ASES Parent Council will next meet on Thursday, November 9, and Wood suspects there will be a lot of talk about the crosswalk issue, specifically, she says, to plan out a strategy to continue lobbying council.

"It is an issue that we certainly will keep at and definitely because of this incident [the accident] we will go back to council," she says. "Maybe it will be something we'll have to discuss with the new council... I know it can be quite expensive but something needs to be done."

Canadian Tire stirs debate

Some residents resent secrecy

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opportunities in different areas but, at this time, we have no confirmed plans for the Minden area," says Maeve Burke, a Canadian Tire spokesperson.

But Burke did say that, in areas where a franchise is planned, it takes approximately six months to open the doors for business from when the first shovel hits the ground.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon says that he has heard the rumours but couldn't confirm anything concrete. He did say that, at this point, nothing has come to council and no building or rezoning applications have been filed at the township.

Commenting on the possibility of a Canadian Tire retail store, he said, "It would certainly be an economic boon to the community. On a personal note, it will hurt some of the smaller business, including mine, but I have to look at what's best for the community at large, not just for Jim McMahon."

Referring to a question posed at Friday's all-candidates' meeting about rezoning residential property on Water Street, McMahon says any application for rezoning would be treated "like any other application" in that it must go through a public process but, he said, "if they do come, they'll be welcomed."

"They're certainly a great corporate identity to have in your area. There will be some winners and unfortunately there will also be some losers," he said.

But not everyone is pleased with the rumours they're hearing. Marjorie Green, a neighbour of one of the five houses sold to Canadian Tire on Water Street says that

she could handle a development being built next to her, but she resents being left in the dark.

"It just incenses me that they can go this far without letting the public know," she says. "I'm just very concerned about the sneakiness of it all."

Pat Maulson, another resident seemingly upset with the prospect of a Canadian Tire on Water Street, asked all of the candidates running in Minden Hills at Friday's all-candidates' meeting whether, if elected, they would support an application to rezone to commercial the five residential properties on Water Street that had been sold to Canadian Tire.

Her question fell on the heels of a question about how the candidates proposed to increase economic development, create jobs and attract more people to Minden.

While some candidates said that they weren't familiar enough with the issue to comment, Lisa Schell, Clayton Cameron, Ron Nesbitt and Ingram Wessell said they would support the application.

Peter Oyler said that, given council's support of the Riverwalk project, it wouldn't make sense to rezone residential property to commercial on Water Street. Likewise, Wende Plante said she doesn't want to see Water Street turned into a parking lot. Barbara Reid agreed.

Jim McMahon said that all rezoning applications go through a public process and that the public is allowed to appear before council and agree or disagree with the application for any reason. "If the public doesn't want it, then it won't happen," he said.

Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands budgets surprisingly similar except for reserves

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around the beginning of each calendar year, among the cornucopia of revenue lines, capital expenses and balance sheets, there are only a handful of relevant facts that the average ratepayer will be interested in: the tax rate, the municipal levy and reserve funds.

In their 2006 budgets, both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands reduced their municipal tax rates by similar amounts. In Minden Hills, the municipal tax rate dropped by 28 per cent, meaning that ratepayers in Minden Hills paid \$301.05 for each \$100,000 in property value. In Algonquin Highlands, where the municipal tax rate decreased by 27 per cent, ratepayers paid \$258.20 in taxes on each \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Minden Hills was also able to lower its levy, or the funds it must raise from taxpayers, by four per cent (or \$160,000). In 2006, the Minden Hills levy was \$3,985,650.

In Algonquin Highlands, the 2006 levy of \$2,568,494 was the same as the levy in 2005. If Algonquin Highlands had lowered their levy by the same four per cent as Minden Hills, their levy would have decreased by just over \$100,000.

Another interesting point about the budgets of both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands is the reserve funds.

At the end of 2005, Minden Hills had \$2.5 million in its reserve funds, but after

the 2006 budget, they amounted to just over \$2.3 million. At year's end, all surpluses and unspent budgeted items, likely including \$120,000 for an addition to the fire hall, will be put back into reserves for the 2007 year.

In Algonquin Highlands, at the end of 2005, their reserves amounted to \$1,250,000 and after the 2006 budget, reserves had increased by over \$300,000. Like Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands' policy is to return unspent budgeted monies and surpluses back into reserves. Because the sewage treatment facility has been put on hold indefinitely, the \$300,000 that was included in the 2006 budget for the \$1 million sewage project will be put back into the reserve fund at the end of the year until the project goes ahead (with the additional monies coming from the provincial and federal governments).

Comparing budgets between municipalities is like comparing apples and oranges because each municipality has different needs, different sources of revenue and a different makeup of taxpayers.

But while comparisons in different budgets are difficult, it is important to grasp even the basics of what each municipality is doing with its own, your own, money, especially during elections when people are talking more and more about dollars and cents.



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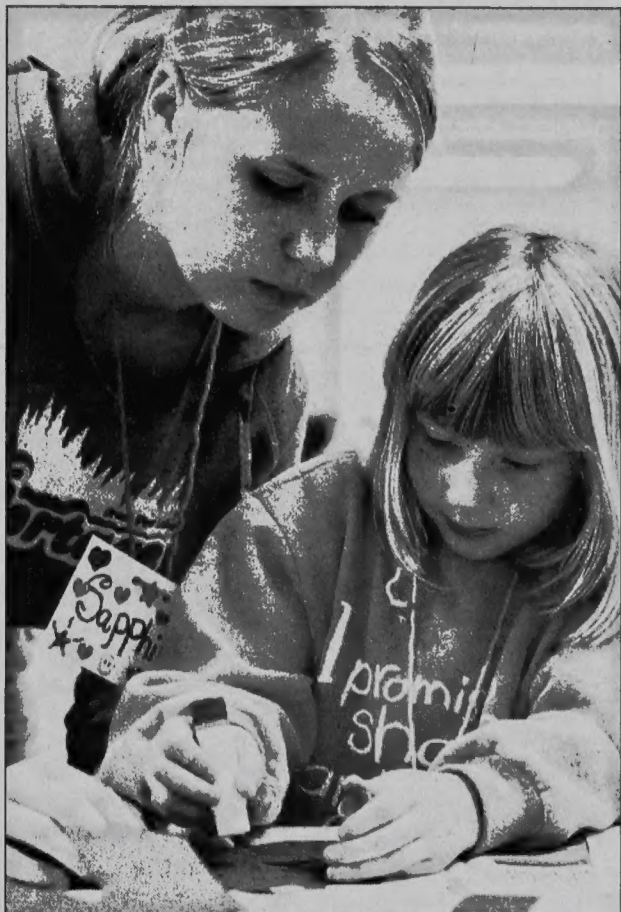
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Middle: Sara Bull receives her pin as recognition of membership in the Sparks troop.

Right: Madison Allaire and Carley Duncan wait to see what's next after receiving their certificates of enrolment.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The stupidity of youth

LAST WEEK, WHEN A TRICYCLE at Archie Stouffer was smashed and four others stolen, it seemed nothing more than a senseless act of vandalism by (most likely) alienated youth with nothing better to do in a small town that they thought they had long outgrown. This turned out not to be the case. The vandals, in fact, were students of the school.

Their vandalism speaks volumes about the degeneration of today's youth culture, but what else is new? Who among us hasn't done something stupid, especially when it involved school property or, more likely, class time? In today's parenting jargon, there are more and more excuses for kids misbehaving. We now have diseases to explain youthful boisterousness complete with mind-numbing medication. And, while today's child-rearing credo promotes big hugs to solve big problems, it also preaches bigger cheques for child psychologists and even psychiatrists to ponder the nature of youth vandalism and to fix it, the latter with heavy medication if necessary.

The truth is, kids are kids and even the best ones are prone to do something dumb at least once. They are exploring the world around them as much with their friends in the schoolyard after dark as they are with a textbook in geography class. We, as a community, should remember that.

But enough about the kids; after all, every gray cloud has a silver lining and in this case it's the outpouring of support from the community to the kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary who lost their "trikes" and their recess fun for a while.

More than just the money and new tricycles, the support for the school and the students also gives us proof that kids can do stupid things even when raised in the most encouraging and supportive communities. Just as building community centres in Rexdale won't stop urban crime in Toronto, there is nothing the school can do to stop vandalism altogether. The township, also, could never hope to eliminate youth stupidity for good. But they might try.

No one but the children should be chastised for the vandalism at Archie Stouffer last week, or for the vandalism that will happen here (or there) in the future – it happens, kids are kids. But that shouldn't preclude town council, the school or the art gallery from continuing to try to change the lives of children in Minden for the better by giving them something to do.

The stupidity of council

To suggest that a crosswalk creates a false sense of security is preposterous. It no more creates a false sense of security than does a traffic light or a stop sign. Drivers are not perfect and there is never a guarantee of safety.

A crosswalk, however, would provide a needed safe way for children to cross Bobcaygeon Road on their way to the extra curricular activities we so encourage in today's youth. The fact that the parent council has asked Minden Hills council for years to investigate the feasibility of a crosswalk and has been repeatedly stonewalled is inexcusable. For shame, Minden Hills.

Even if the cost of a crosswalk and crossing guard were twice the \$5,000 estimates suggest, how can the safety of the children be jeopardized by cost? Especially given that council is so pleased to have reduced the tax rate by 28 per cent.

Certainly parents and members of the community at large would be willing to pay a few extra tax dollars to ensure the safety of the children.

You would know that if you'd listened to the parent council in the first place.

-Bryn Weese

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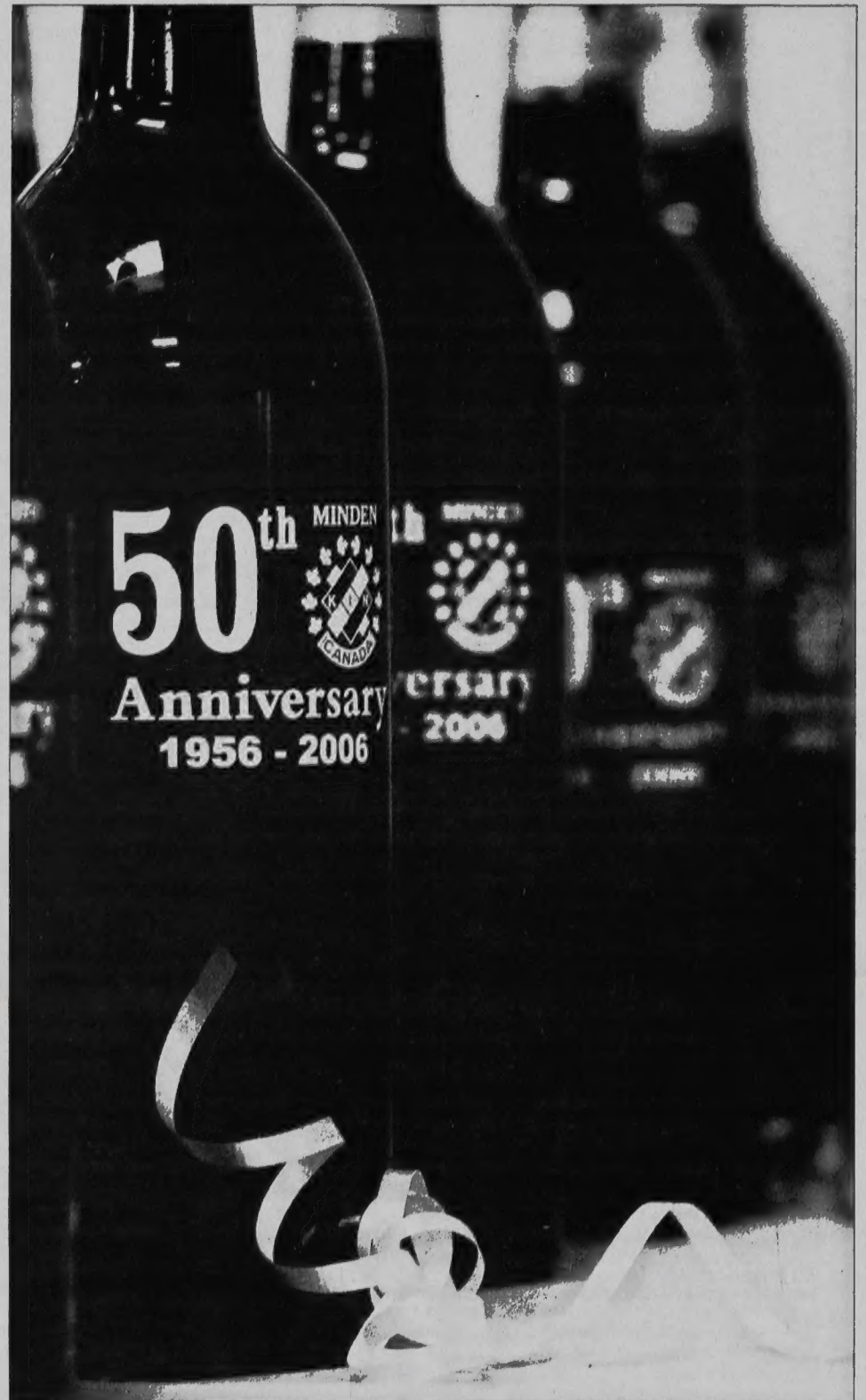
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Around a Child clarification

To the Editor:

Thanks for your coverage of our AGM in the Times (Oct 18/06). I want to clarify the financial picture with respect to Around a Child.

Family Services 'incubated' Around a Child, starting in 1999, to create an innovative program that could provide children in long-term care of the state with a foster home, alternative education program and all the other supports the child and foster family needed for the child to stay in that home through childhood and be launched into a productive adulthood. Around A Child had to incorporate as a not-for-profit agency and be licenced by the Ministry of Children and Youth in order to contract with child welfare agencies to care for

their children. In the time it took to do this, and to develop the foster homes according to ministry requirements, and to market the homes to CASs across the province, Around a Child received \$70,686 in support from Family Services.

Since children have been placed in the program, starting in 2002, Around a Child has brought \$20,000 into Family Services, as Bryn correctly notes. He has no way of knowing that it has also brought hundreds of thousands of dollars into the community — \$364,122 to the end of September, 2006, and still counting. Furthermore, Around a Child's assets will remain in the community when it dissolves. Two homes developed by Around a Child, and an invaluable collection of 'Second Circle'

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Hard on the cutlery

URI GELLER, the famous Israeli psychic is known for, among other things, bending spoons solely with his mind. This is just one reason why he'd be a lousy dinner guest.

I once spent an entire morning trying to bend a spoon with my mind. I figured I was already a lousy dinner guest so why not? Anyhow, my boss thought I was sleeping but – and I still stand by this story – I was in the midst of research for this story. So, I closed my eyes for several hours and focused my vast mental abilities towards bending that spoon. The pillow and blanket merely helped with the focusing.

Even so, this is not the sort of thing that I'd recommend to anyone who never grew up watching *The Amazing Kreskin* as I did. Bending any cutlery with your mind, let alone a spoon is dangerous work. First of all, there's the safety aspect. Apply too much mind pressure and a metal spoon could fly apart just like shrapnel.

Needless to say, this had me worried,

which is why, for my most recent attempt at spoon bending, I opted for a wooden spoon. Hey, I'm no idiot. I figured that slivers would be much easier to remove than metal shards.

Unfortunately, I was unable to bend the spoons. My only explanation is that my powerful mind rays missed the spoon altogether and instead lambasted the grass and trees outside which were swaying and bending by the thousands for as far as the eye could see, just like they might be on a very windy day. You might have noticed that last week.

Of course this sort of thing takes unbelievable concentration. One of the things you ask yourself when intensely focusing every fibre of your mind on bending things is "Why the heck do I want to bend a spoon in the first place?" This is followed by "Why not a fork?" and "Did I leave the oven on?"



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Steve Galea

After that you start recalling those Wonder Woman television shows of your youth and you think about Linda Carter a little. Okay, a lot. You wonder if she still has the suit and golden lasso of truth. And if she has the suit does she still fit in it like she used to.

Speaking of lasso, then you start to daydream about what it'd be like to lasso a moose. And, after some thought, you realize that it'd probably be a bad idea. After all, a moose of any size at all would drag you through hell's half-acre and leave you high and dry with rope burns on your hands by a beaver dam or perhaps even waste deep in a creek. It'd be even worse if it were a rutting

bull.

Suddenly, you remember that Linda Carter did some Maybelline commercials a few years back and it hits you that she wasn't half bad at it either. And you think

of how some actresses might have been typecast as Wonder Woman for the rest of their careers. Oh, and then you remember the Wonder Woman poster you had inside of your locker in grade nine. Speaking of which, you wonder what ever happened to Mr. Bart your ninth grade math teacher.

Then you look at the spoon and realize that, despite your intense concentration on it, it hasn't bent one iota.

Right about that time it occurs to you that you don't use the word *iota* as often as you should have. And it's too bad too because it's such a dignified word really.

Anyhow, you make one more attempt at concentrating and then your stomach grumbles and then you speculate whether someone with attention deficit disorder could bend a spoon if they took high enough doses of Ritalin. Then it occurs to you that even Wonder Woman's lasso of truth might have a hard time getting the answer she needs from a bad guy who is suffering from ADD.

Now, what were we talking about and why is this wooden spoon on my desk?

Volpe in Wonderland

IF LEWIS CARROLL were alive and writing today in Canada, surely he would be a parliamentary reporter, old Fixx tells the usual congregants gathered in the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms.

"No need for him to invent Alice in Wonderland; there's enough that is fantastical in our public life to keep writing around the clock."

Fixx knows whereof he speaks because he has been arranging favours for politicians at Queen's Park since two minutes after time began.

"People are making jokes about Bill Clinton as our next Prime Minister and no wonder. He's probably spent more of his adult years in Canada than that guy Mike."

His auditors are puzzled for a moment and then the waitress Gretchen perks up. "You mean Michael, not Mike."

Gretchen has been hovering over Fixx and his acolytes while The Brown Dog Jiggs watches them carefully from his post near the tearoom's unlit fireplace, where he has been warming himself.

Fixx's table mates are three old fogies who have been taking up Queen's Park space even longer than Fixx.

They are Tory, the Honourable Member for the 19th Century whose first name is not John; Grit, the Honourable Member for Soccer Moms; and Lefty, the

Honourable Member for Toronto's Chattering Classes.

"Michael it is," says Lefty. "I've always thought that anybody who insists on being a Michael or a Stephen instead of a Mike or a Steve is some kind of stuffed shirt."

Grit grins. "Would that be Stephen as in Harper or as in Lewis? There's more than one way to stuff a shirt."

Fixx resumes his sermon. "So the man who would be Prime Minister so loves this country that he couldn't bear living in it except now, when it's time to save us from ourselves. Or maybe Harvard just got boring."

Tory rises on a matter of privilege, which is something both he and Mike grew up with. "You forget that Michael spent his formative years at Upper Canada College."

Lefty interrupts. "Which is so distant from the Canadian mainstream its graduates should be granted diplomatic immunity. Upper Canada! Haven't they heard about Confederation?"

Gretchen remembers that MacKenzie King spent his formative years on Wall Street. "Nobody takes you seriously in

Canada until you have succeeded somewhere else."

It is Grit's turn. "We've already excluded Canadians from the really important jobs, like coaching football teams. Now we can place the same restrictions on middle-management jobs, like Prime Minister."

Tory contemplates a constitutional change, as is his wont. "Perhaps we should make offshore credentials mandatory. Why should a Prime Minister even have to be a Canadian anyhow?"

Lefty agrees. "Properly schooled, an Angolan or a Paraguayan could dance just as well to

Bushian tunes as anybody who lived their life in Tory Hill or Buller."

Fixx has been waiting for a silence. "It isn't just Mike. If it's not him, it will be a French-Canadian Stephen, or a Bob who had a try at being Premier and failed."

Tory chimes in. "Or it might be a Ken doll who was hit in the head by too many slapshots when he was a goalie, or a second-stringer in a provincial cabinet, or a woman who couldn't even get elected in her own riding."



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Ask the hunters

Dear editor,

Since elections are less than a month away, I would like to know why more hunters are not asking about Sunday hunting? Many hunters hunt to put meat on the table because of the high prices in our grocery stores and I feel that our council has failed a large part of their voting constituents.

As we are well aware, some hunters work in the city and come home on the weekend, leaving Saturday the only day to hunt, and some residents even lose a day's pay to hunt.

How can council justify voting down Sunday hunting without consulting the

hunters? If a decision can be made like this without collecting the input of the hunters, what else is our council voting on that we should be made aware of and are not?

I believe everyone should start getting involved and find out what council is doing, and council should start informing the taxpayers what the issues are before voting on them.

The township makes sure we get our tax bill so why can't they inform us about issues that concern our community and get input that makes a vote informed and fair?

After all, we live in a democratic society. We residents have to stand up

see Working page 9

Labelling fear

To the Editor:

Why does one label, judge, stigmatize, belittle, or segregate? People may say that this behaviour occurs out of fear of the unknown. Does it go back to the nature vs. nurture debate? Maybe we are genetically predisposed to certain beliefs, or maybe our beliefs are a product of our environment.

Perhaps we need to stop looking at the unknown and fearing it; instead we should embrace it. If you truly knew and respected someone, would you turn your back on him or her if they told you they were gay? You may say no, but truly evaluate how you would feel. Think

about what it would be like to be in their shoes. Holding something in for the majority of their life because they fear society's views, they fear their family's thoughts and judgments. Fearing that their friends would be "weirded out."

Discrimination occurs everyday and it seems to be very profound when it comes from people who you thought cared about you. This leaves an everlasting effect on the person who is just trying to be who they know they are. In my eyes, society has a problem with their lifestyle because they are scared. I ask, scared of what? What is it that you fear? Why is it that you judge? Why is it that you label? One might wonder, what has

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Community turns sad story into a happy ending

To the Editor:
Re: Vandals Target Kinder Bikes

WOW!! What a community! Thank you Minden for your immediate response to the tricycle tragedy at Archie Stouffer. In the end, only one tricycle was vandalized and the four stolen trikes were returned after the article came out in the 'Minden Times'. Thank you for returning them undamaged.

Thanks also to whoever inconspicuously dropped off 4 brand new tricycles and to the many who donated sizable funds to replace the damaged goods. Thanks also to the families who dropped off some used tricycles and bicycles. The bicycles will go into the yard sale being held for Dawson Hamilton and his family this Saturday. Archie Stouffer now has ten tricycles for our 80 kindergarten students to use in the fall and spring.

The surplus funds will be put into an outdoor equipment fund to purchase necessary sand and snow toys that will promote continuing gross motor development for kindergarten students. The sad and disturbing story of last Wednesday has had an incredibly wonderful ending and once again the children and teacher at A.S.E.S thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Minden, we think you're wonderful!

Toos Reid, Kindergarten teacher

At right, one of Toos Reid's kindergarten classes revels in the donations of money for new tricycles. Behind the kids, Reid (at right) accepts \$300 from Ann and Don Barker. Ann gave the school the money for her husband's 75th birthday. "He's tired of underwear and socks," she says.



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Incubating programs

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support people, will devolve to Helping Hands, a similar treatment foster home program operated by Cliff and Wendy Harding of Minden, where they will continue to bring money into the community every day that a child is in those homes.

This is not the only program that Family Services has 'incubated' by investing time and money. Over the last ten years, it has supported a practice of using its resources to increase the capacity of Haliburton county to care well for its children, as long as in so doing it does not undermine its funded functions — which clearly, from the service stats that Barb Fraser presented to the membership, it is in no danger of doing!

Around a Child is somewhat unique

among these incubated projects, however, in that in addition to bringing a significant amount of money into the community, it has also developing specialized full-time work which pays almost twice the median household income in the county, and a number of part-time work opportunities that use existing underutilized skills in meaningful and remunerative ways. While on the books it may show as a debt, it could equally well be seen as a generous investment in community capacity.

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Working for us

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for our community and not allow council to do what they want without our knowledge. They work for us, not the other way around. Get out and vote, meet the candidates, ask questions and do something.

Regards
B. Fowler
Minden

The way we are

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made you this way?

So the next time you ask someone why they are gay ask yourself why you are the way you are. I am guessing that your answer would be "Because that is just who I am." Think about it.

Trish Hunter
Minden

Candidates lack tax smarts

To the Editor:

Re: Candidate responses to "Should cottagers be given a tax break?"

I am awed by candidates who show a lack of knowledge of the Assessment Act and its intended purpose, and lack of understanding of where much of the revenue comes from to maintain the local economy.

Property assessment based on actual value was never intended as a way to raise taxes. Its intent is to determine how all residents and businesses will share the tax load. It's good to discuss which method is best to spread the tax load, but that's a separate issue from the actual tax determination.

Those who believe MPAC is responsible for the heavy load of taxes would benefit from a review of the Assessment Act. MPAC does not set tax rates. MPAC sets property values. The municipality sets tax rates based on property values.

I have aggressively fought the assessed values of my family's properties and will continue to do so to ensure my property values are in line with the Assessment Act. I know a reduction of my assessed value will alter the taxes I pay, and the burden removed from me will be put on the next person. That's why I would really like to see the mil rate changed to reduce taxes for all. Learn to control the budget and don't try to malign cottagers.

One gentleman indicated the cottager should not receive a tax break because services are there 12 months a year whether the cottager uses them or not. This is a brilliant statement. Cottagers pay large amounts of tax based on the ownership of assets to fund projects that would probably not be built or established otherwise.

I could just as easily say cottagers don't use these facilities on a year round basis

and cottagers should put the fire engines their taxes bought in a garage on Thanksgiving and bring them out next spring. As well, while the cottager (recreational property owner) is away for the winter, those that may have paid less than an equal share for the services continue to use the service and maybe they should pay a surcharge or toll.

Cottager money helps local businesses survive. Some businesses mimic the cottage season while year-round businesses eke out a living and look for ways to improve their services. The result is the area gets a little better every year and things look good for young families.

Cottagers shop for food, papers, spirits and have even been known to frequent the odd restaurant in Haliburton and Minden. However, grocery prices are often better at home, and fuel purchased locally needs to be more competitively priced. Construction materials are increasingly coming from Lindsay, Peterborough and Barrie at lower prices including delivery. The cottager is located in one area and his discretionary dollar is spent in another. What causes that?

To say emphatically that cottagers should not benefit from an objective review of taxes tells me some people believe budgets and mil rates should only benefit year-round residents. It is in everyone's best interest to scrutinize future budgets. "Closed door" township meetings about contracts and financial matters should have a non-partisan attendee to report on the substance of the meeting and to prove the closed-door requirement was justified.

In closing, everyone has to work together and stop considering cottagers tax cows.

Douglas Taylor
Toronto

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The Times is taking a different approach to our municipal election coverage. Instead of running profiles, we've asked each candidate five questions. We will run their answers in the weeks leading up to the November 13 election. #3: **We're running out of landfill space. In addition to encouraging recycling and waste diversion, what should we do?**

Jim McMahon
Minden Hills - Reeve

As Warden last year, I learned of many various alternatives for waste disposal. We as council members are not mastered in every situation, and must rely on consultants occasionally. Technology has advanced greatly; many other options to review, some not yet approved by the Provincial Government. Long-term, fields of combustion and advanced thermal treatment are just two. Europe is leaps and bounds ahead, and their programs are being investigated. Small municipalities do not have the resources to investigate all of the alternatives on their own; this is a worldwide problem. To afford any of these advanced alternatives, a joint effort at the County or Eastern Ontario level will have to take place. Traditional incineration technologies are well established; the size of a facility will dictate how waste is received and distributed. Handling of post-diversion waste at both ends of a thermal facility increases an opportunity to recover recyclables. Please refer to Jacques Whitford Report at www.county.haliburton.on.ca.

For a shorter-term solution, all citizens need to do their part - recycle diligently to save the life of our landfills.



Two more short-term options are clear bags and mandatory recycling, similar to our neighbours to the north and east who are successful with this approach. I personally believe waste management/recycling are now an upper tier responsibility.

Wende Plante
Minden Hills - Reeve

As a Landfill Attendant for almost 3 years, this summer I've seen the increase in which the resident have taken the time and separated the wet garbage from their recycling. Residents were surprised how less garbage goes in the landfill since they started composting and recycling.



One major complaint they had was not everyone is doing it.

I believe the new council should enhance the By-Law in which was enforced in June 1st, 1996 in which Scotch Line Landfill was made a Municipal Recycling Center. I don't believe that it would hurt having a mandatory recycling By-Law enforced, this would make everyone from Businesses to Tax Payers recycle, thus keep our landfills open longer. The attendants would maintain the high standards of ensuring everyone is recycling and the resident would see everyone doing it.

Every Tax Payer and Resident has the right to be informed, they are concerned about their landfills, after all they are the ones that have to drive their recycling and garbage to the landfill.

Recently I had the privilege of working in Algonquin Highland Landfill, I was amazed to see what a mandatory recycling By-Law has done to ensure their landfills would remain open.

Wally Dove
Minden Hills - Reeve

We are not running out of space - just developed landfill space. Since we have an abundance of undeveloped land, we ought to be aggressively pursuing the development of new landfill sites. My son is in the landfill development business and I would propose to engage his services in the location and development of new landfill site(s), if it is acceptable to the voters. This may sound like patronage, but it is simply a sound business decision. I have his ear and I can trust him. He does not have to be the one who owns the landfill site, the township will retain ownership. If there are other qualified people available, then council would choose whom we should use.



One of the by-products of waste management is methane gas. It can be used to run machines, including electrical generating turbines. Maybe we could reduce taxes by selling electricity.

If elected reeve, I will use the courts to prove that property taxes can be paid using a third kind of money, promissory notes. Once this is done, we can create the kind of money which could finance the most modern and technologically advance waste disposal equipment in the world.

Albert Foster
Minden Hills - Councillor at Large

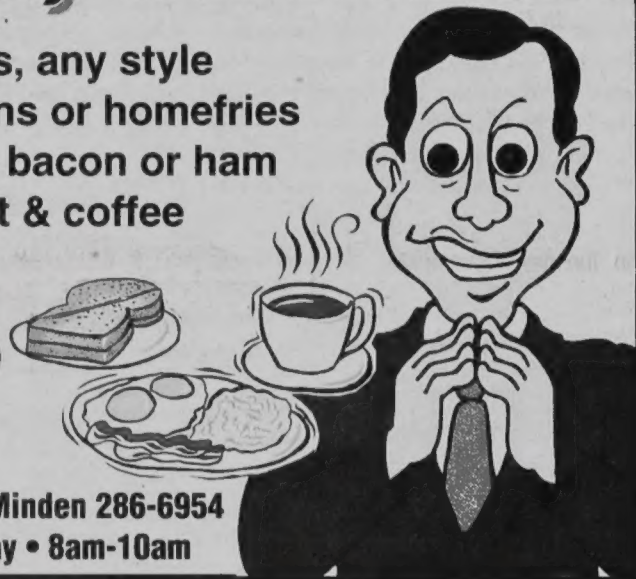
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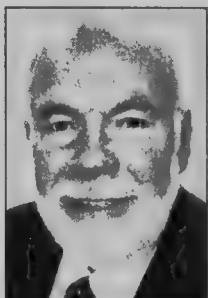
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Peter Oyler**Minden Hills – Councillor at large**

Minden Hills currently has 15-20 years capacity left in its Scotch Line landfill site. Smaller sites are closing as a result of being at capacity and/or new Ministry of Environment regulations.



Municipal and county governments must continue to pressure the province to allow for the potential use of alternative technologies for waste disposal including oxidation through high tech, incineration recognizing that future landfill sites in Haliburton County may be impossible to find given the topography and geology of the area. County and municipal government together must move to consider waste management at the county level.

We must also commence the preliminary investigation of seeking a new landfill site(s) in the event that the province doesn't allow for other disposal methods. We cannot afford either locally or regionally to face the waste disposal problems of Toronto. We must explore both courses of action in conjunction with other regional jurisdictions in order to reduce both capital and operating costs of waste disposal for the future.

Larry Bullington**Minden Hills – Ward 1**

In addition to encouraging recycling and waste diversion, it would be in our best interest to develop a recycling depot or center. With the financial assistance from the County of Haliburton and other neighboring counties we could have a place to handle all recyclables which in turn could be distributed to other manufacturers for resale. This would be a great revenue generator for all participants and provide more employment opportunities for the region. The construction costs for such a project could be shared by all involved and through grants or loans which can be acquired through the Federal and Provincial governments. This would be a worthwhile alternative to waiting years for approval for a new landfill.



The use of bag tags may provide an incentive for individuals to minimize the amount of garbage they generate, but the charges for dump usage must be kept to a minimum to avoid negative spillover in the form of individu-

als trying to avoid the charges by dumping their garbage on the roadways.

If we don't find a successful alternative, we could be faced with the same scenario as Toronto whereby they are paying excessive amounts of money to send their waste elsewhere.

Clayton Cameron**Minden Hills - Ward 1**

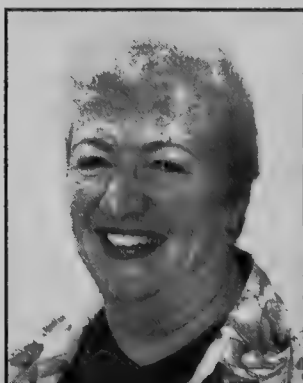
As we all know landfill space is at a premium. We need to promote recycling, waste diversion, reuse and don't use if you don't need to. by this I mean we need to reduce packaging materials. Industry needs to get on side with this as well. Not everything needs to be prepackaged in separate containers.

Locally we need to investigate the best use of our existing landfills. We also need to plan for expansion or establishing new landfills, at the municipal level.



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I am not in favour of having landfill just automatically become a responsibility of the County. That could easily put us into mandatory collection of not only garbage but recycling as well which would be at an exorbitant cost.

A County landfill will also cause transportation costs to skyrocket. It is expensive to haul garbage or recycling from Gooderham to Minden if that is where a landfill is located.

Incineration may be an option but you still have 30% of the material to dispose of the form of ash waste from the burning process. There also isn't enough garbage in all of Haliburton County to feed an incinerator. Again, transportation costs will drive the day. Unless Provincial regulations are relaxed, incineration is a mute point because they won't allow incinerators.

We have to start the planning process for a new or expanded landfill now. Six years ago we had 40 years of landfill space available in Minden Hills. Do to regulation changes and reassessments of our existing landfills we now have 20 years left. It will disappear all too quickly.

Bill Obee

Minden Hills - Ward 1

It is every individual family's responsibility to reduce the amount of waste it produces by prudent reduction through composting, reusing, recycling and purchasing products with smaller amounts of packaging.



However, it is a government responsibility to provide a place to deposit that garbage and to provide access and information for recycling and composting.

Minden Hills is in a crisis situation now as any new endeavours that are undertaken will take several years to implement completely. Some things that can be done to lengthen the usable time for our landfills are as follows. We should increase the compaction of waste so compaction is used at all sites where garbage is dumped. There is a cost to that, but it will greatly increase the lifespan of our landfills. Also private collectors of garbage should be required to separate recyclables from other wastes to be delivered to the landfills sites in that manner.

It is now time for waste management to be transferred to the County level as this will reduce the duplication of four local municipalities searching for future space. A County study needs to determine the number of landfill sites and transfer stations that would help required. Any new sites can be engineered to control leachate and optimal celling of materials. We must have a Made In Haliburton solution to this universal problem.

Lisa Schell

Minden Hills - Ward 1

In order to answer this question honestly, I would have liked a lot more time to be able to research different possibilities that would work for our community. I really don't have the answer to this question on my own. I would need to speak with others who have real experience in this area. It might be worthwhile to know what other towns of similar sizes have done to extend the life of their landfill sites, as well as what their projections are.



One thing I think would be worth looking into would be the cost of a site with an incinerator. It would be more environmentally friendly and extend the life of our landfills considerably. The Ministry of Environment would have the economical answers to this question, as well as whether or not it would be something Minden Hills would benefit from.

As I said, I honestly don't have the exact answer to this question, but I would be interested in finding out what the answer would be by doing further research and speaking with professionals in this area. I don't think decisions like this should be made by people who aren't completely sure of the proper answers.

Lou Trepanier

Minden Hills - Ward 1

I was a Haliburton County Environment and Planning advisory committee member for 7 years and chair of waste management studies. We presented many reports to council on this very subject.



It will now take the combined efforts and funding of all municipal and county governments, plus the very latest technology to begin to solve this problem, just look to the GTA and you will get my meaning.

Re-cycling - re-using and reducing our household solid waste is not the problem, large bulk dumping continues to fill our few remaining landfill sites, old construction materials being the biggest along with compaction truck dumping, no re-cycling, re-using, or re-diction of any kind, that is the problem!

We can not continue to create huge mountains of garbage without polluting our ground water source, water still runs downhill into our lakes - rivers and streams, killing aquatic life and endangering our own health.

Liquid waste is another pressing problem that must be solved with on place to dump our septic and holding

tank waste, soon no septic waste will be allowed on fields even in summer, let's take action now before we are forced to later at a much greater cost.

Diane Wigley

Minden Hills - Ward 1

This is a problem we all must take ownership with. My small part, during this election, was not to have any election signs. Residents are not going to vote because they saw more signs for one candidate over another..... They are going to vote based upon the candidate's abilities. I feel a much better use of money would be to donate to the Minden Food bank an amount equal to the average cost of the signs. This then become a win /win situation. I don't add to problem of waste and those residents in need



will benefit.

I also believe we must start in the schools, educating the next generation of voters on the problems of waste management and recycling. Stores should also encourage customers to bring their own grocery bags and thereby reduce the amount of plastic bags in the landfill site.

We should be expressing our displeasure to manufacturers on the excess materials used in packaging. I find it more and more difficult to open some packages. The waste generated is far too excessive.

Little things, yes..... But, if we stop the little things pilling up the over all problem can be addressed and managed accordingly.

Barbara Reid

Minden Hills - Ward 2

We're running out of landfill space. In addition to encouraging recycling and waste diversion, what should we do?



Burying garbage in the ground is not only inefficient, it creates serious environmental issues and is a poor use of precious natural resources.

Europe has environmental rules that are much stricter than ours. In Sweden, burnable household waste is brought by truck to an incineration facility. The heat from furnaces operating at 1,000 degrees Celsius generates steam that powers turbines that produce electricity. Organic waste is composted and made available to farmers as fertilizer. One large facility at Malmo, Sweden processes the solid waste from 14 municipalities.

I am encouraged to hear that the Ministry of Environment has given approval to Durham and Halton Regions to implement "Energy from Waste" facilities that can safely reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfill sites.

Perhaps small-scale systems exist in Europe that could be viable for Minden Hills and Haliburton County. Alternatively, maybe there is an opportunity for us to partner with Durham Region on their Energy from Waste project.

I believe there is an alternative to burying our garbage and am willing to spend the time and energy to find a long-term solution for Minden Hills.

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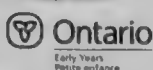
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Pam Sayne Minden Hills – Ward 2

Rural areas in Ontario are in constant threat of being identified, by consultants, as the ideal place to ship garbage.



Governments accept toxic waste in exchange for money and jobs. This is not acceptable for a sustainable healthy community.

Recycling and re-using must not be compromised by additional landfills or potential incineration technology. For example, I'm still using the chrome bookshelf left at the dump four years ago. Working with Haliburton County, we may need to find another landfill site in the short run but must also search for zero impact technologies and clean up existing toxic sites.

A more immediate plan is a composting site. Central composting could limit home bear intrusions. Rich earth could be sold to gardeners and landscapers. Nova Scotia has demonstrated that this technology is simple and doable.

In my kitchen, I carefully put a can in the appropriate bin and remember Sweden's "International Right Livelihood

Award", which was granted to a remote pacific community. Each community member makes a wooden basket that lasts a lifetime, used to carry everything: infants, wood, food and even water. With all our technology, local governments and corporations could co-operate to implement such sustainable ideas - we should.

Ingram Wessell. Minden Hills – Ward 2

Yes we are running out of land fill space.

The MOEE is mostly to blame for this problem, they are continually finding reasons why our land fill sites should be closed.

With no sound thinking they are forcing the Township to close our land fill sites at a terrible expense to the Municipality.

I feel that Minden Hills Little Gull site should never have been closed and turned into a transfer station as it also has been done with our Lochlin land fill site and Ingoldsby is the next one on the chopping block and will probably be a transfer station, our Scotch Line land fill was not long ago rated to be a thirty five year site but

with all these transfer station's the garbage from them will be taken to Scotch Line, so our thirty five year land fill will probably be cut back to a 10 or 15 year site.

My thoughts are that we go to a incinerator, they have them now that they almost burn the smoke. They are using them in Europe they seem very satisfactory I think they should be a county deal centralizing one and it would handle all four Municipalities of Haliburton County. I realize the cost is probably three to four million dollars but the money we are spending in land fill sites now would not take long to pay for one. But then again the MOEE is opposing the use of incinerators but I think the MOEE needs to get their heads screwed on right and take a look at this alternative.



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Algonquin Highlands

Eleanor Harrison.

Algonquin Highlands - Reeve

We're running out of landfill space. In addition to encouraging recycling and waste diversion, what should we do?



A Waste Management Plan should be pursued at the County level with a long term view to the future. The space left in our landfills is valuable and we should continue to utilize our existing sites; however when that space is depleted we need a plan. The County needs to look at siting a new landfill and possibly a central re-cycling facility. We also need to be up-dated on any new technologies.

Algonquin Highlands is the only municipality that is in the process of a 25 Year Waste Management Plan which is in the final stages. Waste management is one of the major expenses in lower tier municipalities. Consultant costs continue to be high and yet the demands placed on a municipality from the Ministry of Environment demand the expertise that is not always available from within our staff complement.

In my opinion, there has to be some shared savings to the lower tier municipalities; whether it be a central re-cycling facility or the sharing of a waste management co-ordinator at the County level that could save some consulting fees. Algonquin Highlands will continue with our Plan, but I will continue to advocate for waste management at the upper tier.

Gerry Morrison

Algonquin Highlands - Reeve

A major key issue in this election campaign! Waste disposal and recycling belongs at the Upper Tier level. The lower tier townships are all paying hundreds of

thousands of dollars in consultant fees. If this issue was at the County table, where it is in so many other counties in the Province, I believe there would be huge savings to the ratepayers.

The County needs to investigate an appropriate location for a "super dump", where it would not affect hundreds of seasonal and permanent residents (i.e. North Shore Road, Beech Lake and Maple Lake). The Consultants, currently on the payroll in Algonquin Highlands, should have been fired following their flawed recommendation in locating the septage (lagoon) system at the Maple Lake Landfill. This area in question is nothing but a "bog - swamp". As well, the consultants are not being consistent in their estimates of the life at the other landfill sites (i.e. one moment stating the Hawk Lake site has "3" years remaining; then the next moment stating it has "10" years remaining"). They should make up their minds and let us know the truth. It is my understanding that the Township has no intention of tendering for new consultants until the entire environment assessment is completed. I think this is wrong and a bad decision for the residents of Algonquin Highlands.

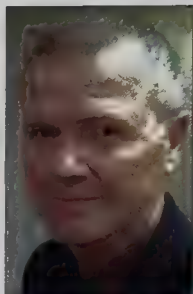
Ross Daniels

Algonquin Highlands - Ward 2



I personally do not want to see a super dump at the Maple Lake landfill. I think that the existing sites should be left open as transfer sites, the garbage can then be disposed of to a larger landfill outside the community. I also believe that a green program would be a benefit to the problem of space.

If we all recycle and manage the trash in our own homes we can decrease the amount of trash in the landfill.



Carol Moffatt

Algonquin Highlands - Ward 2

We need to make it easier for people to contribute to the solution by providing them better tools. I suggest:

- Selling recycling bins at landfill sites not just at the township office;
- Providing coloured bins that coordinate with improved, coloured signage at the landfill sites;

• Clamping down on existing regulations until we can re-vamp the by-law to gain more control over what goes into the landfill;

• Working with resorts to find solutions to their recycling dilemmas;

• Hiring our own landfill staff instead of contracting it out;

• Redefining "diversion";

• Encouraging recycling policies at businesses;

• Breaking down the recycling categories even more; and if necessary, implementing clear bags and fines for non-compliance.

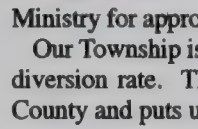
Waste Management is a very serious issue for this entire county. The townships cannot solve issues like this on their own; it just makes them the bad guy.

We must work together, continue to educate, find better solutions and make much more of an effort. I believe the long term environmental and economic benefits will outweigh the short term hassle.

Tom Gardner

Algonquin Highlands - Ward 2

Algonquin Highlands is just completing an Environmental Assessment as part of our Waste Management Plan. This will ensure adequate landfill capacity for the next 25 years for our Township. Council foresaw the need to begin this process 4 years ago and we are now preparing our final reports to the



Ministry for approval.

Our Township is currently at a 54% waste diversion rate. This is the best rate in the County and puts us well within reach of the Provincial target of 60% by 2008.

This year I supported a motion at the County to study whether waste management should be taken care of at the County level. This study also includes the feasibility of establishing a recycling facility, a landfill site for serving the needs of the entire County and review alternate disposal technologies.

Our Council previously petitioned the Province to establish a deposit return system at the liquor stores, which is now being implemented. Individuals can continue to buy products with less packaging, compost at home and continue to recycle.

Sadly, Gerry Morrison, the CAO of Minden Hills has presided over the worst recycling rate in the County. This is not the type of leadership that is needed.

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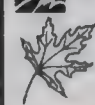
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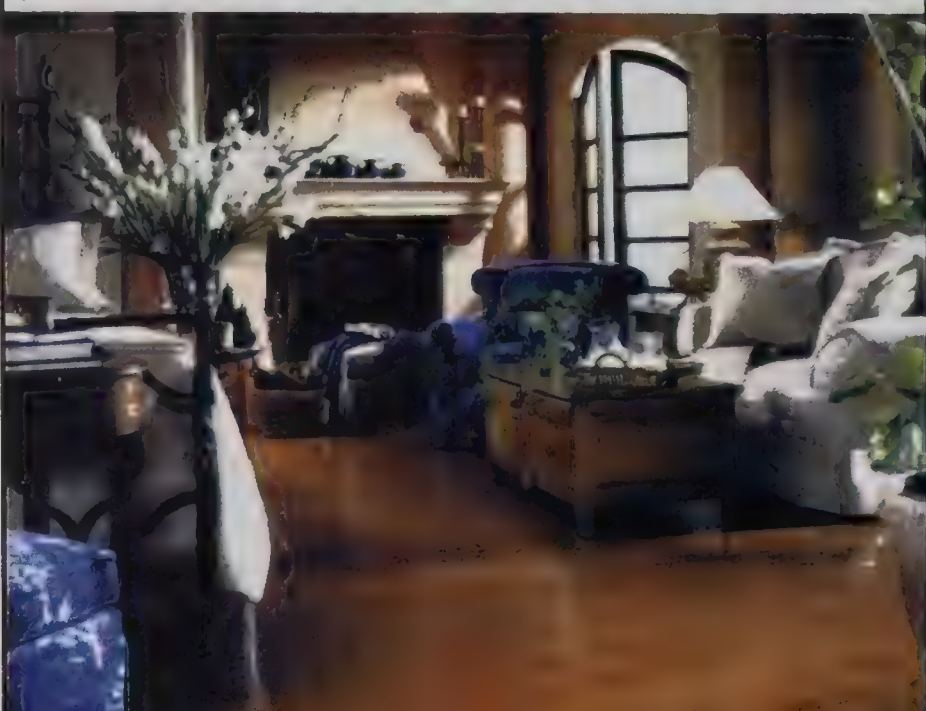
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Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, 2005 Poppy Campaign Report

Balance on September 30, 2005:	\$1,681.94
Raised in 2005 campaign:	<u>\$12,320.99</u>
Total:	\$14,002.93
 Expenses	
Advertising, supplies, school contests:	\$3,005.24
Donation to Minden Hospital:	\$6,000.00
BECL (Overseas Veterans Charity):	\$1,000.00
HHSS Bursaries:	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total:	\$11,005.24
 Balance on September 30, 2006:	\$2,987.69



The HHSS junior girls field hockey team is looking for a second chance after making the playoffs with a winless record. They'll be relying on leaders such as Amanda vanLieshout (above) to claw their way through the Kawartha championships.

Winless junior girls make playoffs

by CASEY LESSARD
Times staff

Despite a 0-4 record, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School junior girls field hockey team is playing for the Kawartha championships Wednesday (today).

The team went into a road double-header last Monday with a record of 0-2, and lost 4-0 to Holy Cross and a close 1-0 to Thomas H. Stewart of Peterborough.

"We're a developing team, and other schools are not developed at all," said rookie coach and teacher Kristin Davidson, noting four regular season games were cancelled.

The lack of experience in the league means HHSS has a good chance to place

as playoffs begin this week.

"These girls have a lot of heart and a lot of guts," Davidson said. "They're dedicated to the team."

With a new coach and many new players, the challenge is to learn the game and prepare for games.

"We do a lot of scrimmages with the senior team. They've been really great at coaching the juniors and explaining positions and strategy and how the game is played."

The team remains focused on learning the basics of the game.

"We work on a lot of passing drills and ball handling skills. Work on being able to drive the ball, pass the ball and looking up the field. The basics for now, then offensive and defensive strategies from there."

Senior girls finish in style

by CASEY LESSARD
Times staff

It was the toughest of losses, but one that should make the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior girls field hockey team proud. The girls ended their season Monday at the Kawartha championships by losing their first single-elimination round match against St. Pete's.

Regulation time ended with the teams tied at one, and the score was not settled after two overtime periods. That took the teams to penalty shots.

"It took ten penalty shots before they beat us," said co-coach Paul Morissette. "The gals played hard and did the right thing."

The team made it into the playoffs with a 2-3-1 record against mostly AAA schools, while HHSS is a AA school.

The coaches attributed much of the team's success to goalie Jessica Foulds.

"She really has great leadership skills," said co-coach Traci Hubbert, "so a lot of that translates in attitude and effort at practice. That translates into refinement at the game."

"This is her fourth year as a senior goalie because she was brought up as a junior. She went to York University for a field hockey camp this summer with national and Olympic players coaching, and she was the camp MVP."

Coach Morissette echoed her comments. "She's clearly the best in the league," he said. "She's leaving, but our leading goal-scorer (Maddi Ferracuti) is coming back. Our leading defender (Jessica Pottier) is

returning. The nucleus of the team is there, so they should be even better next year."

Finding players is tough, so maintaining a solid squad is a tribute to the school's players.

"Field hockey's not as popular because you need numbers, compared to basketball," Hubbert said. "That speaks to this school. The kids are really active and involved."

"I've coached all kinds of different sports over the years," Morissette said. "The main thing you want is for them to learn sportsmanship. There's no shame in ending the season the way they did at the Kawartha championships."

"They felt good, and they should."



Samantha Davis chases the ball during a match against St. Pete's.



Sherri Walker shoots the ball deeper into the PCVS zone during a double header recently. The senior girls team ended their season in a double overtime and 10-shot shootout game against St. Pete's Monday.

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Senior football team at the top; juniors end season

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's senior boys' football team will host any playoff games they are playing after winning the regular season with a 3-1 record.

Left: Bill Kulas breaks away from the pack during Thursday's 38-0 shutout against Holy Cross. The junior team ended their season Monday falling 14-7 to the Kenner Rams in the first round of playoffs. Below left: Harley Foulds gets taken down by a crowd of Holy Cross defenders in Thursday's 19-0 loss.

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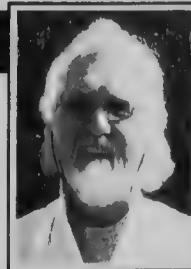
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Kinsmen celebrate 50 years

The Minden Kinsmen celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner last Saturday at the Minden Community Centre.

Top left: Ray Miller shows Lenore and Bill Prentice where Bill's name is in the original 1956 attendance records. "It's kind of weird to look at that list and most of those guys are gone," Bill said. "Only four left from 50 years ago. The Kinsmen did a lot for this town. The biggest thing I can remember was the purchase of the first ambulance here."

Top right: Marjorie Windover and Mabel Deacon were original charter Kinettes. "I've got my original name tag," said Windover. "My husband was one of the founders of the club in Minden." "People are so happy to see each other and reminisce," Deacon added.

Left: Minden club president Tom Prentice hosted the night. "It's not every time you turn around that you have a club that's 50 years old," he said. "I like to put something back into my community where I work and live, and through Kinsmen I feel I can accomplish that."

Right: Kinsmen national president Bruce Lloyd came from Fergus to recognize the milestone.

Photos by Casey Lessard



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Hunger does exist right here in our county

World Food Day is a worldwide event in October that highlights the tragic reality that hunger exists here in our county. The Haliburton County Food Net and its member agencies are committed to combating hunger and to bring about a positive shift in the way our community considers the issue of food insecurity. It requires more people who have a voice, and the resources, to inspire and make changes to make sure the needs of the most vulnerable are met.

Statistics collected by Food Net reveal that more than 48 per cent of local food bank recipients are children. The national average is 41 per cent. There are currently four independent food banks operating in Haliburton County and the need for a fifth food bank has been identified.

Food banks in the county rely on financial donations to purchase food, cover operating expenses such as rent, utilities and insurance. Food banks also require energy efficient refrigerators and freezers and other equipment to ensure safe handling and storage of food items. Food banks are all volunteer driven and receive little or no public funding.

Food Net advocates for Food Banks and encourages our community to continue to donate financially to their local food banks as well as participating in local food drive initiatives. Emphasis must be placed on the need to make nutritious food more accessible. It encourages generous donors to consider giving non-perishable food items such as canned fruit, vegetables, fish, meats, whole grain cereals and pasta. Other foods in great need are school lunch, items such as individual canned fruit cups. Donors are encouraged to consider the nutritional content of the foods they give and not only the capacity of the food to fill the stomach.

To donate locally, please contact:

Minden Food Bank – Barb Walford-Davis, Chair – 489-1715 (Tax receipts issued over \$10)



Lisa Schell of Allsaw Church presents a Thanksgiving donation of food to Barbara Walford-Davis and Mary Hicks of the Minden Food Bank.

Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank – Ave Petch, Chair – 457-3331

Wilberforce Word of Life Emergency Outreach – Clara Burt, Chair – 448-9707

Cardiff Community Food Bank – Evelyn Mutis, Chair – 613-339-2397

Haliburton County Food Net encourages people to

respond in some way, whether it is in communicating with friends, coworkers and family about the reality of hunger in their very own worlds, or through communications with schools or seeking out policy commitments from public officials.

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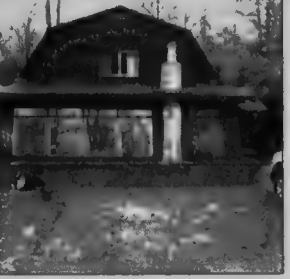
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Book club startup to hold meeting and gauge interest



DORSET NEWS

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Are you interested in being part of a book club that will meet at the Dorset Library starting January 2007? Come to a short information meeting at the library on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to determine interest, day and time for monthly Book Club meetings and the format for choosing books and discussion. If you are interested but unable to attend on October 25, call Ruth or Sandy at the Library at 766-9969. Dorset Library hours are: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Community Access Program (public computer site) at the Dorset Recreation Centre is offering free computer help Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and an After School Cyber Camp on Thursday evenings for young people ages 4 and up. For more information on this program and others or to book your free appointment, please call Karra during the times mentioned above at 766-9968.

The Dorset Library is looking for volunteers for "Story Time". If you are interested and have (or will obtain) an up-to-date police check, please contact the Dorset Library at

766-9969 or the Main Library at 705-457-2241 (call collect). Barb Hoy, RN, is a professional bra fitter and will be holding a "Bra Clinic" at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, October 27 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Appointments may be arranged by calling 766-9968.

The Dorset Lions Club and the Dorset Recreation Committee will be hosting the annual Pumpkin Carving Party on Monday, October 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, pop, juice and treats and, of course, a pumpkin for participants to carve. Please call 766-9968 to reserve your pumpkin.

The "Community Care Travelling Road Show" will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, November 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. Community Care Haliburton offers ten services vital to keeping seniors and adults with disabilities living healthier in their own homes for as long as possible. Some time in the future someone you love will need that extra helping hand to remain living in their own home, just where they want to be. Come and learn what Community Care has to offer. The Road Show is travelling with Expressive Arts Facilitator and Certified Laugh Leader Shelley King who will explain the benefits of laughter and lead laughter exercises while Roxanne Casey, Resource Development Co-ordinator for Community Care will speak on their programs. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

There will be Flu Shot Clinic at the Dorset Seniors'

Centre on Hwy 117 on Wednesday, November 29 from 3 to 8 p.m. Here's a "heads-up" notice from our volunteer fire fighters. Keep the annual Food and Toy Drive for the Salvation Army in mind when you see specials in the stores and stock up now to be ready for the Dorset Volunteer Fire Fighters' visit on Wednesday, December 6. Notices will be going out some time in November to remind you but it wouldn't hurt to take advantage of sales and stock up now.

In You've Got to Read This Book! co-authored by Jack Canfield, 55 people from all walks of life share their stories of the life-changing power of books. In one of the paragraphs, Bernie Siegel, MD, writes "To be honest, I really don't believe any book can change your life - only you can. It's the person - not the book - that creates the transformation. That power lies within each of us. That said, I do believe that an author's insights when combined with the reader's inspiration and desire to change, can lead to a new life for the reader." Perhaps there's a book sitting on the shelf of your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library, just waiting to help you change your life. Opportunity awaits at your library.

Birthday wishes for the week of October 22 to 28 go to Doris Nash, Pat Promoli, Taylor MacKay, Nathan Reid; and Happy Anniversary to Valerie and Don Inch. Celebrate and have fun on your special day.

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Agreement negotiated between blue jays and homeowners

This week's column is "for the birds". A mutual agreement has been negotiated between the growing number of blue jays and the householders that it is indeed time to start filling the porch feeders. Already the jays' colourful antics lighten kitchen chores. Yesterday a pair of ducks flew over heading south. They brought to mind the October, 2006 issue of Harrowsmith Country Life which features an article on raising ducks complete with photos, facts and food recipes. On page 60 I learned that to be politically correct it is a herd of cows, a gaggle of geese and a peep of chickens. As for ducks several labels are listed including a "padding", a "team", a "bevy" and, while on the water, a "raft". Only when airborne does the term "flock" apply. Now, there's some trivia for your pre-Christmas get-togethers.

Top prize winner in the Kinmount & District Lions Club draw was Wayne Hood of Lindsay, now the proud owner of a red ATV and trailer while Peter Williamson from Richmond Hill sports a pair of valuable western boots. Local Kinmount winners included David Allen with a load of crushed stone and Clinton Puterbaugh with a new tool set. Vic Ballik from the Lions Club advises that the deluxe Christmas cakes sold each year can now be ordered by calling him at 488-3053 or speaking to any member of the Lions. This is yet another great opportunity to assist the Lions' fundraising efforts in support of our community.

Burnt River United Churchwomen will be holding their Christmas Craft Sale this Saturday, October 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Burnt River Recreation Centre with lunch available. Admission is by donation of an item to the food bank. Vendor tables are \$10.00. For more information please call Darlene Smith at 454-2547.

Why not celebrate Hallowe'en at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount's Dance Party this Saturday, October 28 and kick up your heels to live music from the 50s and 60s. Advance tickets are \$8.00 for single and \$15.00 per couple with tickets also available at the door. Prices include lots of prizes and lunch; costumes are optional. For more information call 488-3462.

The Galway Hall Committee invites everyone to its delicious Turkey Supper, complete with all the trimmings, at the Hall on Saturday, November 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Hall is located on Galway Road, south of Kinmount, off County Rd. 121. Tickets are available at the door. This dinner is an annual tradition and a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

October 17 euchre at Gelert: High score holders were Joyce Schellenberg and Mary Wilkins with Ted Wilkins and Pearl Cowen recording the evening's lows. George Bartley won for lone hands and Gene Newell took the draw prize. Thanks to Emily Harvie for this update.

October 17 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Helen Skelding and Ken Boldt at 322 points with Jean Boldt and Grace Barrack second at 318 and George Hamilton partnered with Joan Meadows third at 272. The afternoon's low score of 209 was recorded by Shirley Alderton and Jim Meadows.

October 17 bid euchre at Minden Legion: High score honours went to Jesse Barlow at 292 with Marcel Roussel 288 second and Pat Scadden 263 third. Five moonshots landed on Georgina Parkes, Isobel Cherwenka and Margaret Fletcher along with Jean and Pat Scadden. Holding hidden scores were Wayne Jones, Helen Henderson, Karen Harrison and Isobel Cherwenka.

October 17 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two



AROUND THE TOWN

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slams, both involving Gloria Moore, first partnered with Joan Davies and then with Margo Davidson. Margo also led the scoring at 5,810 followed by Reet Murray 5,370, June Branning 5,280 and Paul Pethick 5,030. Jean Jackson won the lucky draw, Frank Schlotter the Shiny Penny and Margo Davidson was the recipient of the MM Award in recognition of her new status as Mighty Mite.

October 18 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method first place went to Judy Neimann and Bill Sandford at 64%, then Bruce Armstrong partnered with Howie Ryan at 58%, and in third Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf with 55%.

October 18 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Gala Stamp, Don Burch and John Grimbergen with Linda Lambert taking two. Our reporter Gala Stamp topped the pinks at 320 with Clara Miscio 278 second and Linda Lambert 255 third. Kevin Maloney led the whites at 354 then Chris Clarke 299 and Dick Coffey 291.

October 18 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Marcy Morgan was high and Mildred St. Thomas low while Theresa Deak was tops representing the gents and Grant Lees low man. Mike St. Thomas won for lone hands and Pat Lees took the draw prize.

October 19 euchre at Minden Legion: For lone hands the winners were May Bradbury and Cliff Davison while Maria Tschida and Tom Grix recorded the highs. Low scores were tallied up by Lorna and Don Hicks while Sharon Atkinson, Jim Bradbury, Linda Hopkins, Cliff Davison and Tom Grix won the other prizes.

October 20 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka, Tom Macartney, Cliff Davison and Verna McDonald had moonshots with Betty Wagar holding the hidden score. Verna McDonald led the pinks at 357 then Jean Scadden 276 and Pearl Cowen 265. First for the whites was Percy Butler at 252 with Pat Scadden 250 second and Chris Clarke 249 a close third.

October 20 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Pat Bailey, for lone hands Nick Boekestyn, for low hands Helen Skelding and for the draw convener June Branning. June reports a great first evening and reminds us that new players, including beginners, are welcome. Cards start at 7 p.m. with a charge of only \$2.00 for cards and lunch. Street parking is available close to the Court.

October 20 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method Bruce Armstrong and Howie Ryan were first at 64%, then Margo Davidson teamed with Ross Fletcher at 63%, and Muriel and Doug McIntosh third at 58%.

October 21 bid euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Moonshot quartet members were Don Burch, Jean Scadden, Pat Roussel and Theresa Deak. Pat Bailey topped the whites at 271, Tom Grix and Marcel Roussel tied for second spot at 233 and Albert Foster came third at 209. Pink leader was Pat Roussel at 274 followed by Edith Burch 264 and Isobel Cherwenka 235 with Pat Scadden, Jesse Barlow and Helen Henderson winning the draws.

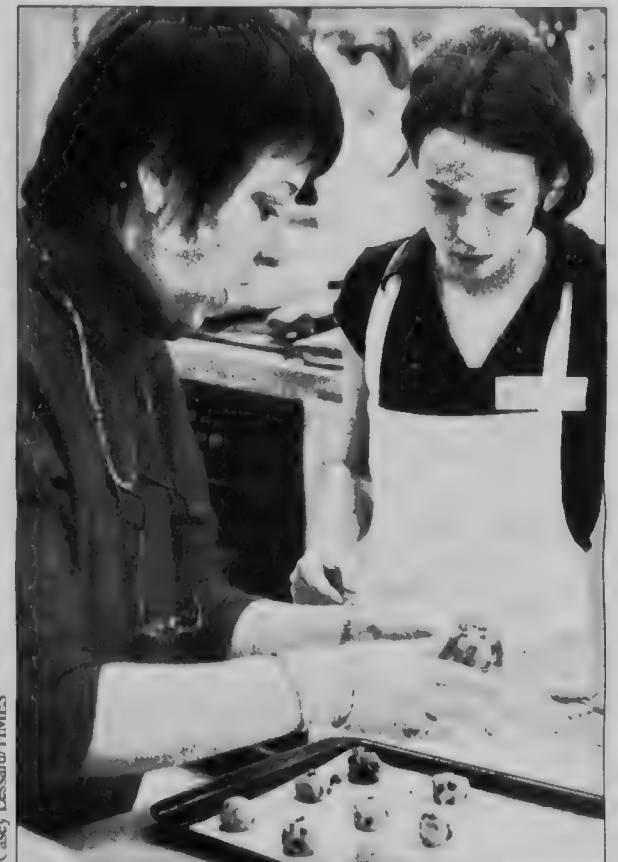
October 23 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In the high scoring column it was Pauline Franzen first, Dorothy McElwain second and Vic Ballik third. Mike St. Thomas, Theresa Deak and Dana Briscoe [2] took the moonshots while Rose Isaacson won the draw.

October 23 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Verna McDonald and Wayne Jones with Barbara Braithwaite and Ken Rowden recording the high scores. Betty Sharpe and Laura Carnegie tallied up the lows while Julie Keberer held the hidden score and Jeanne Keliele and Gwen Cox took home special prizes. Laura Carnegie baked a beautiful cake for the October birthdays and didn't seem to mind her visit from the skunk.

October 23 cribbage at Minden Legion: Top spot went to Don Burch with our reporter Elva Paisley second and Don Hicks third. Other prizes went to Ann Cundall, Jean Scadden, Gwen Cox and Joe Rivers.

October 23 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Martha Harding won for high hands, Don Jemmett for lone hands, Ray St. Pierre for low hands and Perry Peacock for the special prize. New players are always welcome.

October 23 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hand honours went to Ray Sisson with Clara Miscio and Cliff Davison taking the evening's high scores. Colleen Davison and Mae Heikemp had the lows and it was Marnie Butler who won the bologna.



Casey Lessard/TIMES

Culinary apprenticeship

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School culinary teacher Melissa Stephens shows Carleigh Warburton of Archie Stouffer Elementary School how to arrange cookie dough for baking. The lesson was part of a trade symposium to get elementary students interested in the trades. The group served lunch to their fellow students who were learning about carpentry, manufacturing and other trades.

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Daughter's wedding reception was one to remember



STANHOPE LIFE

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I was walking down the aisle in a Wal-Mart store in Pickering yesterday looking for bookcases for my ever-expanding

book collection when somebody walked past and said, "That was a great party last week."

Not expecting to see anybody I knew and not recognizing this person right away, I replied, "You must have the wrong person." After all, I was in Pickering.

She said, "Oh sorry," and I continued walking.

When I caught up with my husband at the other end of the store, a light went on in my brain and I realized that this lady was one of my daughter's friends from work and she had been referring to my daughter's wedding party at Sandy Lane Resort last Saturday. Fortunately, I saw her again before I left and apologized for my senior moment. She said they had been talking about the party all week at work.

She was right. It was a great party with 140 friends and family celebrating the marriage of my daughter Nadine and her husband Scott. They had been married in San Juan Los Cobos on June 1 but saved the party until this fall so that everyone could come up to the Highlands and enjoy our beautiful fall colours. The weather was not very cooperative, with snow and sleet coming down, but Highlands' hospitality was at its finest and, from what I heard, people really appreciated it. The groom's family had such a good time they were talking about having their family reunion at Sandy Lane Resort next year.

The buffet dinner featured succulent roast turkey and roast beef, accompanied by roasted potatoes and all the trimmings. Cheesecake topped with fresh fruit and sauces to die for fortified the guests for a night of energetic dancing and amazingly successful karaoke. The karaoke started as a penalty for clinking glasses to make the happy couple kiss.

Interspersed with sets of dance music throughout the night, it caught on like wildfire and turned the party into a virtual talent contest. Singles, duets and even groups sang their hearts out, imitating some of the most successful singers. It was at times hilarious, often rousing and overall tremendously entertaining. The folks from Freedom 55 financial, where my daughter works, put on quite a show. They piped out tunes from Grease as well as other perennial favourites that had us all marvelling at their talent. Our thanks to Madeline and Pierre of Mountain Lake, our wonderful disk jockeys for the evening. Madeline was extremely helpful to the amateurs, often singing along to help them keep the beat at first. Consequently, people signed up again and went back up, their courage fortified by a first successful rendition.

I'm grateful to Joachim and Bev Matysek, owners of Sandy Lane Resort as well as their daughter Katrina and her new husband for keeping everything running smoothly and for recommending such a great caterer and D.J. We will talk about this party for ages to come. If, that is, I recognize the person who walks by and says to me, "That was a great party, wasn't it."

Do you want to save on your heating bills? Kick back on Friday, October 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gaia Centre as Pam Sayne of Know Your Home Inspections Inc. demonstrates ways to prepare for the winter season. Pam will take you through the EnerGuide for Houses process using the Gaia Centre as an example. Find out where to find free material to save on

see STANHOPE page 23

The Township of Minden Hills In Season, Every Season

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

The Township of Minden Hills
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ADMIN ASSISTANT

- This position provides general clerical and administrative support to the Parks/Rec and Cemetery Departments
- The position is based on 9 - 12 hours per week.
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 - Be able to demonstrate excellent communication and computer skills.
- A minimum of 1 year experience in a related position is required

Rate of Pay: The starting hourly rate shall be \$11.00 per hour, in accordance with a Letter of Understanding between the Corporation and CUPE Local 4286.

Qualified parties are invited to submit their resumes, in confidence, to the Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Mike Jeschke - Facsimile: (705) 286-4917.

Sealed envelopes should be clearly marked, "Admin Assistant - Parks/Rec and Cemetery Departments" and submitted prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10th, 2006.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A13/06, Part Lot 20, Concession 9, Township of Lutterworth - GULL LAKE.

Applicant: John WARREN (Hugh Taylor, Agent)

Purpose: The applicant is building an addition to a legal non-complying building that is constructed closer to Gull Lake than permitted in By-Law 06-10. A minor variance is requested from Section 4.7.4 ii) for the continued use with respect to the 15 metre setback from the high water mark; a variance from Section 4.7.4 iii) to permit construction of the addition 1.8 metres higher; and a variance from Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of a legally non-complying building by 41% more than permitted.

HEARING DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills during normal office hours.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2006.

Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment



Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Township of Algonquin Highlands invites interested parties to contact Cambium Environmental Inc. for additional information or to submit comments or inquiries with respect to the Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan.

Information regarding the Township of Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan is available on the Township's web site: www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

Comments and inquiries may be directed to Cambium Environmental as follows:

October 1, 2006
through
October 31, 2006

Toll Free: (866) 217-7900
Fax: (705) 742-7907
Email: info@cambium-env.com



The purpose of this additional consultation is to allow members of the public and other interested parties to submit comments and inquiries regarding the development of the Township of Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan, which was initiated in 2003 to establish a long-term waste management strategy for the Township. The waste management planning process is governed by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, through the Environmental Assessment Act.

The Public Consultation Event held in July 2006 was intended to review the work completed to date as a result of the completion of detailed work studies. The detailed work studies were conducted in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Waste Management Plan as approved by the Ministry of the Environment in January 2005.

Public participation is an integral component of this process; therefore, all parties having interest in the Waste Management Plan are encouraged to contact Cambium Environmental to provide comments, information, ideas, and concerns about long-term waste management planning for the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands, on the 20th day of September, 2006.
Mr. Lorne Mitchell, CAO

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Stanhope wedding party keeps them reminiscing

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home energy, thus lowering emissions that contribute to global warming. Take Hwy. 118 to Stanhope Airport Road North, turn left on Barrys Line and drive to 1032 Cameron Lane. Please consider making a contribution to the YWCA and Gaia Centre in exchange for an evening of energy-saving how-to's. Bring your questions. To confirm your interest and attendance call Carol at 705 754-2427.

Come out on November 5 at 4 p.m. to Down To Earth Conversations at the Gaia Centre. Discuss great books that touch the soul, awaken the imagination and point the way ahead. This month: The Last Child In The Woods by Richard Louv. Parents, grandparents, nature lovers and the environmentally-minded will appreciate this work that changes the way we think about our children's connection and disconnection with the natural world. Bring a vegetarian

dish if you'd like to stay for a potluck supper. For directions and more information call Gaia Centre at 705-754-2427 or check the website at gaiacentre.org

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call 705-489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope, what Stanhope residents are up to or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 14th, 2006 at Municipal Offices, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Municipal Offices.

Description of Lands	Minimum Tender Amount
1. Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession A, Anson, now Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, being Part 1, Plan 19R-4803. As previously described in Instrument No. H172934. Being all of PIN 39198-0033 (LT). Roll # 46 16 010 000 45600.	\$4,155.32
2. Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession A, Anson, now Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, being Part 2, Plan 19R-4803. As previously described in Instrument No. H172931. Being all of PIN 39198-0032 (LT). Roll # 46 16 010 000 45605.	\$4,194.63
3. Part of Lot 14, Concession 10, Township of Snowdon, now Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, designated as Parts 2 and 4, Plan 19R-1992. As previously described in Instrument No. 164992. Roll # 46 16 041 000 62510.	\$3,880.58
4. Part of Lot 30, Concession 5, Township of Snowdon, now Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton. As previously described FIRSTLY in Instrument No. 65540. Roll # 46 16 041 000 44000.	\$4,918.78
5. Part of Lot 12, Concession 3, Township of Anson, now Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, containing an area of 1.425 acres. As previously described in Instrument No. 227795. Roll # 46 16 010 000 27500.	\$4,962.92
6. Part of Lot 11, Concession 1, Township of Snowdon, now Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, designated as Part 39, Plan RD-115. As previously described in Instrument No. 105154. Roll # 46 16 041 000 08500.	\$5,358.72
7. Part of Lot 21, Concession 8, Lutterworth, now Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton. As previously described in Instrument No. H189403. S/T and T/W rights-of-way as set out in Instrument No. H189403. Being all of PIN 39205-0216 (LT). Roll # 46 16 052 000 08600.	\$7,375.44

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

Note: GST may be payable by successful purchaser.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

Mary Jane Irwin, Treasurer
The Corporation of the
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MINDEN ONTARIO

- **Oct. 25:** Tea at 3 - Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Starts Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about ART and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **Oct. 26:** The Ladies Auxiliary Branch 129, Haliburton Legion will hold their General meeting at 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 26:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thursday of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone welcome.
- **Oct. 27:** Get messy at the Gallery! Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Friday of every month, 10:30 - 12:30. Informal activities for parents and preschoolers to do together. Call 457-2330
- **Oct. 27:** Do you want to save on your heating bills? 6-8 p.m. as Pam Sayne, with Know Your Home Inspections Inc., demonstrates ways to prepare for the winter season. Call the Gaia Centre at 754-2427 and talk to Carol.
- **Oct. 27:** Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council - Wildlife in your Woodlot - Furbearers. Stewardship Series, cost includes lunch & field trip. Kinark Outdoor Centre, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 286-5206 for cost and info.
- **Oct. 28:** Archie Stouffer - Yard Sale & Silent Auction - To help raise money for Scott, Tanner & Dawson Hamilton. Dawson is a 6 yr. old student who is battling leukemia for the second time in his short life. We as a school and a community need to give this family our love & support emotionally, physically and financially. Held in the school's gymnasium. If you would like to donate to the auction the generosity would be greatly appreciated. Any questions please contact Jenn Whiteway. Home 754-9264 or Work 286-1921 ext. 409, e-mail j.whiteway@tlds.on.ca
- **Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre - Art FUNDamentals. Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., ages 7-10. Explore line, colour, texture, form, and composition in The Studio with Laurie, Daniela and friends. 457-2330.
- **Oct. 28:** The Haliburton Highlands Writers' & Editors' Network is sponsoring the workshop Start & Run a successful freelance writing business. Club 35 at Halls Lake, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visit our website at www.hhwen.org for more info. Advance ticket sales only. Call Kay Millard at 286-6635 & mail a cheque to 10 Stouffer St., Box 86, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.
- **Oct. 28:** The Second Annual "Taste of Italy" dinner & silent auction - Fundraiser for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary takes place at the Haliburton Legion. Tickets are available at the Haliburton Hospital Gift Shop, Mon. to Sat. from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. or by calling Donna at 754-3738 or Suzanne at 455-9583.
- **Oct. 28:** Victoria Place Annual Bazaar, Sat., Oct. 28 in Victoria Place Clubhouse. Located 7 km south of Bobcaygeon on County Road #17, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Delicious tearoom sandwich luncheon. (705) 738-0345 for more info.
- **Oct. 28:** Kawartha Settlers' Village - Haunted Village, 85 Dunn St., Bobcaygeon (under the water tower), Sat., Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission by Cash Donation (Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Please call (705) 738-6163 for more info.
- **Oct. 29:** Lochlin Community Centre, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Festive Chili Dinner served with rolls/bread, dessert. Children under 10 eat for free. For cost and info call Sue Little at 286-2372.
- **Oct. 29:** Floyd Hall Insurance is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, Oct. 29th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Oct. 31:** Trick-or-Treating for the Food Bank. Representatives of Girl Guides will be going door-to-door in costume in the town of Haliburton on Halloween, asking for non-perishable food items for the 4C's foodbank.
- **Oct. 31:** Moore Falls Fright Night in aid of the Minden Food Bank. Where ghouls lurk, witches brew, ghosts haunt and vampires fill the night. Time: dusk, location 1028 Green Gables Rd., Moore Falls. 800 ft. off Hwy. 35, 8 km N. of Norland, 17 km S. of Minden. Come on out and have a frightening good time!
- **Nov. 2:** Ladies Fellowship - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., West Guilford Community Centre. Speaker: Beth Archibald, Lynn Cox, Country Rose, "Learn to make bows". Call 754-2808 or 457-3155.
- **Nov. 2, 16 & 30:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach. Drop-in and see us every other Thursday at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents and children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, and active circle times; toy and book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy and safe; nutritional snacks; and guest speakers. Call 457-2989.

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• **Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about ART and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.

• **Oct. to Dec.:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton - Swim & Gym. 8 sessions for families with children 0-6 years at the Wigamog Inn. Join us Friday mornings starting Oct. 13th to Dec. 15th by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989.

• **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.

• **Do you have a talent** or a hobby you could share with a young person in Haliburton County? By becoming a Mentor and sharing your interests for just a couple of hours a week you will make a great impact on the life of a child. Information sessions are ongoing, so please call Marilou or Vicki at Family Services of Haliburton County, at 457-5345 and find out more.

• **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., & the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests & new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.

• **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.

• **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.

• **YWCA** of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to act as home companions for a new program, YWCA Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS). For more information, call the YWCA Women's Centre at 286-1942.

• **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Please call Ida at 457-2941 for more information.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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Haliburton: York St. Internet Cafe
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Coming Events A940

The Haliburton Highlands Trail & Tours Network is holding a
Celebration of Volunteers & AGM on
Thursday, November 16th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
at the HHOA Fish Hatchery in Haliburton.
All members and interested parties are welcome! Trails & Tours is a dynamic, growing organization and is currently inviting nominations for new Board Members.
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Submit written applications and detailed resumes and referenced before 4 p.m. Oct. 31st to:
Donna MacDonald, Executive Director
Community Care Haliburton County
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Fax: 705-457-5077
Note: A complete job description is available at our office. We thank all who apply, but only those granted an interview will be contacted.

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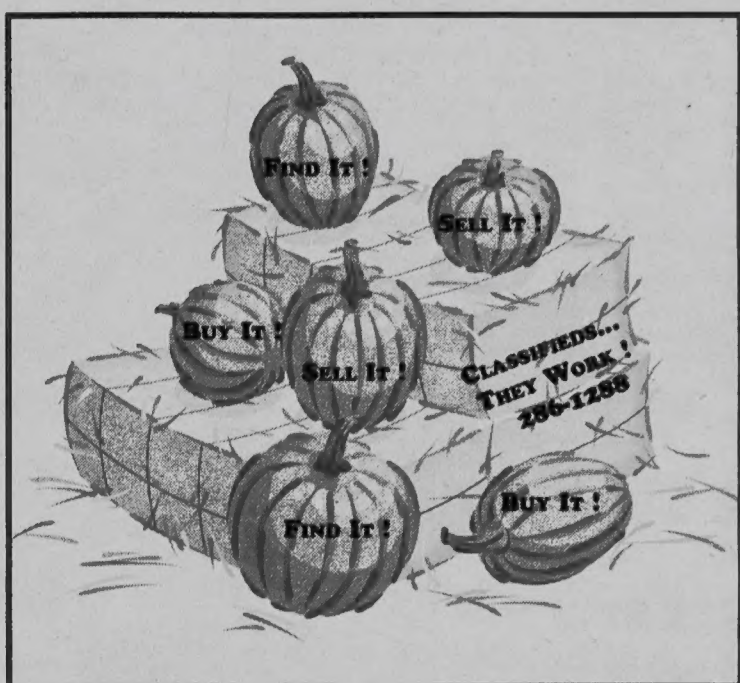
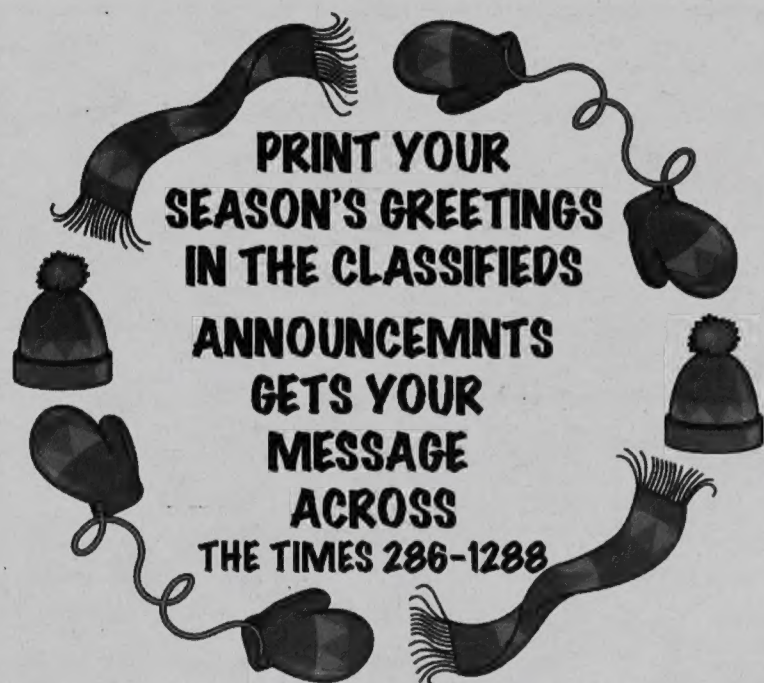
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Sam's Lake: Beautiful 5 acre waterfront lot with 1000 ft. of fringe. Nicely treed, extremely private, stunning views, pretty point. Enjoy the sun all day.
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Hall's Lake: Quality custom built waterfront home/cottage. 2 storey, cathedral ceilings, stone FP, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, att'd garage. Level lot w/160 ft. frige, sand shoreline, great view!
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Linda Beachli***
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Chalet Lot: Wonderful 3+ bdrm fully finished home on manicured chalet lot at Sir Sam's, a short walk to the beach & the market. Privacy, access, hot tub, swimming pool, billiards. What else could you want for \$229,000.
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Asking \$229,000

Hall's Lake cottage living at half the price: 3 bdrm cedar home (Viceroy - Bluewater); all windows 96% UV filter (2000), custom cabinetry w/fine wood laminates & marquetry, master bdrm has a 2 pc. ensuite, loads of storage space. Artesian drilled well. Also a 500 sq. ft. studio/cottage with 2 bdrms & 4 pc bath, insulated garage. Call Fred Chapple

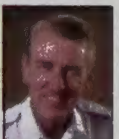


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Main Street Location: Over 6,000 sq. ft. building w/frontage on both Highland & York Streets, incl. 2 commercial units, 4 apts. & lg storage area. York St. side has private parking across from parkland & Head Lake boat access. Rental income potential.
Call Deb Deremo



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Asking only \$74,900

Hunter Creek Estates: Adult community living at its best. This 3 bdrm modular home is located minutes to Minden on manicured grounds. Services include garbage pick-up & driveway snow plowed.
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\$74,500

2 storey home in Minden Village: Located at 72 Bobcaygeon Road (Old Main Street), 2 bdrms, potential for 3rd, large kitchen with laundry, wrap around porch, garage & workshop... great value at \$76,900.
Call Vince Duchene



Lenor
Fulton*
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\$179,000

Gull River: This cute 4 season, 3 bedroom home has it all. Enjoy sitting in the hot tub on a very private level lot or boat to Minden or Gull Lake.
Call Lenor Fulton



\$1,500,000

Boshkung Lake: Luxury 4 bdrm, 4 bathrm w/ recreational estate featuring 4.5 privately wooded acres w/cart paths & tennis court, approx. 3600 sq. ft. beautifully designed upscale retreat home w/22 ft. cath. ceiling, master bdrm w/granite wall & ensuite. Media & games room with w/o to deck.
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\$229,000

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Marilyn
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GULL RIVER \$269,500

Gull River: This modern custom built 3 bdrm home built in 2000 features: 2 baths including an ensuite, full finished w/o bsmt, att. garage, large deck & miles of boating pleasure on a popular 3 lake chain. Central heating & air cond. Maint. free brick & vinyl siding exterior. Value priced. A must see!
Call Bill Kulas today.

Bill
Kulas*
286-2911
ext. 44



\$250,000

Gull Lake Sugar Island: Charming island cottage on the east side of Sugar Island facing Miner's Bay. Privacy, sun soaked rooms w/beautiful views on all sides of 1.6 acres & 200 ft. of shoreline. Large rooms downstairs & full open attic sleeps 8+ upstairs. Transferable agreement in place for car parking & boat slip at Minders Bay Lodge. Call Lynda Litwin

Lynda
Litwin**
286-2911
ext. 35



\$539,900

Horseshoe Lake: Enjoy the sunsets from this gorgeous 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage/home on a private landscaped waterfront.
Call Rick Lowes

Rick
Lowes*
286-2911
ext. 47



Wilberforce: 1,860 square feet, brick & vinyl w/full basement, 10.6 beautiful acres with large pond & trees. Wilberforce, Hwy. 648 to Essonville Line, to 1026 Cooke St. Estate Rd.
Call Richard Moritz

Richard
Moritz*
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\$339,000

Billings Lake: Sweet, fully furnished 4-season cottage. Very private, 170' shoreline, 1.3 acres. FAO, Dr. well, septic, yr. rnd. access.
Call Karen Nimigon

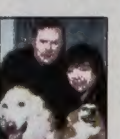
Karen
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\$399,000

Gull Lake: Building Lot.
Call Tom & Gail Tempest

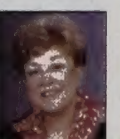
Tom & Gail
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\$179,900

Green Lake: Boat, swim, or fish the 3-lake chain of Maple, Green, and Pine from this cozy 3 bdrm yr. rnd. waterfront home/cottage. Features include: large picture windows, large screened porch, heated water line, hi-eff. oil furnace, sandy beach. Close to Golf & Sir Sam's skiing.
Call Elizabeth Thompson

Elizabeth
Thompson*
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\$160,500

43 Newcastle St.: Great starter or retirement home, 2000 sq. ft. of living space, raised pine panel kitchen, w/o to deck, fresh new carpets, 2+2 bdrms, 2 full baths, full finished w/o bsmt to patio, close to all amenities.
Call Ted Vasey

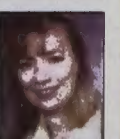
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\$359,000

Gull River: Beautiful grounds & decks enhance this 3 bdrm, 2 bath, home on Gull River. Boat to Gull Lake or Minden. Features include: pine kitchen, w/o from DR, master ensuite, full finished basement & a double garage for all of your toys!
Call Melanie Vigrass

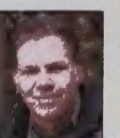
Melanie
Vigrass*
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\$229,000

Salerno Lake: Spectacular southern view of Salerno Lake. Charming & well maintained cottage w/who guest bunks, including one at the water with own balcony. All plumbing updated in 2003. New jet pump, pressure tank. All decks, docks & stairs new in 2005. Invite your family & friends & enjoy!
Call Frank Wilson

Frank Wilson
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